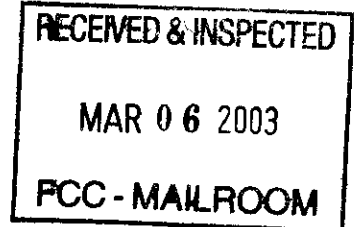


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 Atlanta, Georgia 30340
 February 28, 2002

Kathleen W. Abernathy
 Federal Communications Commission
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 Washington D. C. 20554



Dear Ms. Abernathy:

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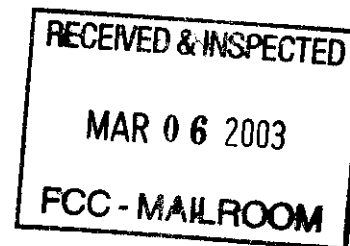
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